

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 209 – SB 1472

April 23, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017337):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause of the original bill. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to study the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) proficiency tests in conjunction with the Confucius Institutes at the University of Memphis (UOM) and Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). The study shall be performed for the purpose of establishing a pilot program modeled on the development of the HSK testing to be implemented in public K-12 education that will aid in the construction of diagnostic tools for other foreign languages at the K-12 level. Requires the Confucius Institutes at UOM and MTSU to study the HSK proficiency tests for the purpose of establishing a pilot program modeled on the development of HSK testing to be implemented in public higher education that will aid in the construction of diagnostic tools for other foreign languages at the postsecondary level.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$3,000,000/One-Time  
\$2,000,000/Recurring

Increase Local Expenditures - \$200,000/One-Time\*  
\$100,000/Recurring\*

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to TBR, these studies are on-going at the Confucius Institutes located at UOM and MTSU and money is included in these agencies' budgets to perform these studies.

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- Any increase in state expenditures to perform these studies can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion. Any increase in state expenditures to DOE and the Confucius Institutes at UOM and MTSU is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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